

MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY

SEPTEMBER 21, 2021

5:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: The Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Rushville met on the above date and time at 330 North Main Suite 200 Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Gary Cameron, Brad Berkemeier, and Phil King answered roll call. Also present was City Attorney, Tracy Newhouse.

MINUTES: Berkemeier moved to approve the minutes of the September 7, 2021 meeting as presented. King seconded the motion. Motion carried

MAYOR'S REPORT: None.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT: None.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Park – Director Burklow reported that the splash pad was shut down for the season today.

The posts and a net have been installed for the pickle ball court. The painting will be done next week.

Police – Chief Tucker reported that several officers attended a class on officer resiliency. Officer Clifton is attending a law enforcement phlebotomy class. Officer Hoeing is guest instructing at the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy for Emergency Vehicle Operations.

Utilities – Superintendent Shook said this Sunday they will begin flushing hydrants.

Planning & Zoning – On September 29th from 6:00-8:00 there will be a Planning & Zoning town hall meeting.

Animal – Director Hanna presented a letter of resignation from Morgan Breese-Huffman resigning as of October 29th. She requested to start the hiring process for an assistant. Cameron moved to accept the resignation of Breese-Huffman. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried. Berkemeier moved to allow Hanna to start the hiring process. King seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Street – Street Commissioner Miller said that heavy trash will be next week. It will be picked up on the normal trash pick up days. They intend to get everything picked up Monday thru Wednesday.

CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Personnel Policy Handbook** – The committee met on the 17th. We hope to get through the process in one more meeting.
2. **Police Department Short Term Disability Update #2021-4** – Chief Tucker reported that this employee is at home recovering. They anticipate to be back to work the first week of October.
3. **Sale of Willow Street Property Due 10/5/21; Opening 10/19/21**

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Monthly Project Claims** – None.
2. **Fire/Rescue Hire Paramedic** – Interviews are scheduled for Thursday afternoon.
3. **Park Department – Resignation Replacement** – Director Burklow asked to hire his part-time employee, Zack Goodwin, to fill the position previously held by Andrew Rice. He would like to pay him \$14.00 per hour. Cameron made a motion to hire Goodwin full-time at \$14.00 per hour. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.
4. **Grading Permit** – We will create a document. Cameron will recommend a fee.

COVIS-19 UPDATE: Mayor Pavey said things remain pretty much the same. The schools are sending out a daily update to parents. The school used the Farmers Market Saturday evening for the homecoming dance. We received very positive comments.

ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE: None.

ADJOURN: There was nothing further to come before the Board; Berkemeier moved to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 5:42 p.m.